



## **Highlights of White House Summit on Working Families June 23, 2014**

Over a thousand activists, academics and elected officials were invited to attend the White House Summit on Working Families, which was held in Washington, D.C. Senator Mitchell and our Committee Staff Consultant were honored to be invited. President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Dr. Jill Biden and Leader Pelosi all participated in the Summit. Other California representatives included Parent Voices, SEIU and the California Work Family Coalition.

A key focus of the White House Summit was the initiative introduced by in House Democrats': *When Women Succeed, America Succeeds* – this agenda includes equal pay, raising the minimum wage, paid sick leave, and affordable child care. We were pleased to not only connect the work of the Senate Select Committee with the White House Initiative but to also meet with Leader Pelosi's staff to deepen our ties to the House Democrat's initiative.

### Themes

- Caregiving as the work of the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Child care as key piece of family support
- No-one should work and be in poverty
- Flexibility should be available for all workers
- We need family time on a regular basis and paid family leave
- Identifying unions as key organizations for low wage workers
- Need to change the conversation and build political will
- Finding national solutions beyond legislation including public/private partnerships, corporate responsibility and Executive Actions.

*See the Select Committee Website for links to national information*